

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as presented below.

1-12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) A seat cushion for a personal mobility vehicle, the seat cushion comprising:

a base;

a pressure-distributing medium supported by the base; and

a cover covering the base and the pressure-distributing medium, wherein the cover comprises:

a pocket for receiving the pressure-distributing medium; and

top and bottom fabric panels joined together with an opening provided therebetween that is selectively opened and closed via one or more fasteners, wherein a first fastening element is affixed to a top surface of a piece of fabric and a second fastening element is affixed to a bottom of the pressure-distributing medium, the first and second fastening element being adapted to be secured together to hold the pressure-distributing medium firmly in the pocket.

14-18. (cancelled)

19. (cancelled)

20. (previously presented) A method for carrying a pressure-distributing medium in a personal mobility vehicle cushion, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a cushion cover having a pocket with a first portion of a hook-and-loop type fastener in the pocket;

b) providing a pressure-distributing medium with a second portion of a hook-and-loop type fastener;

c) inserting a pressure-distributing medium in the pocket;

c) securing the pressure-distributing medium to the inside of the pocket by mating the first and second portions; and

d) inserting a base in the cover so that the pressure-distributing medium is positioned above the base.

21. (previously presented) The seat cushion of claim 13, wherein the pressure-distributing medium is a fluid pad.

22. (previously presented) The seat cushion of claim 13, wherein the base includes a posterior seat well for receiving bony prominences of a wheelchair occupant.

23. (previously presented) The seat cushion of claim 22, wherein the pocket is positioned at a rear of the cover substantially over the seat well.

24. (previously presented) The seat cushion of claim 13, wherein the pocket is provided within the cover.

25. (currently amended) A seat cushion for a personal mobility vehicle, the seat cushion comprising:

a base ~~with a first fastening element~~;

a pressure-distributing medium supported by the base, the pressure-distributing medium having a first fastening element; and

a cover covering the base and the pressure-distributing medium, wherein the cover comprises:

a pocket for receiving the pressure-distributing medium with a second fastening element within the pocket; securing the pressure-distributing medium to the inside of the pocket by mating the first and second elements; and

top and bottom fabric panels joined together with an opening provided therebetween that is selectively opened and closed via one or more fasteners, wherein the pocket is formed from a piece of fabric secured adjacent an underside of the top fabric panel so that an opening is presented along one side of the pocket, and wherein the pocket opening is at a front end thereof.

26. (currently amended) A seat cushion for a personal mobility vehicle, the seat cushion comprising:

a base ~~with a first fastening element~~;

a pressure-distributing medium supported by the base, the pressure-distributing medium having a first fastening element; and

a cover covering the base and the pressure-distributing medium, wherein the cover comprises:

a pocket for receiving the pressure-distributing medium with a second fastening element within the pocket; securing the pressure-distributing medium to the inside of the pocket by mating the first and second elements; and

top and bottom fabric panels joined together with an opening provided therebetween that is selectively opened and closed via one or more fasteners, wherein the pocket is formed from a piece of fabric secured adjacent an underside of the top fabric panel so that an opening is presented along one side of the pocket, and wherein the pocket is closed along rear and lateral sides of the cover.

27. (previously presented) The seat cushion of claim 13, further including at least one fastener along the pocket for securing the pressure-distributing medium therein.

28. (previously presented) The seat cushion of claim 27, wherein the at least one fastener is in the form of a hook-and-loop type fastener.

29. (previously presented) The seat cushion of claim 13, wherein the one or more fasteners is a slideable fastener.

30-33. (cancelled)